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CHAPTER 295

AN ACT to amend 62.13 (8) and (11a) (a) of the statutes, relating to permitting cities of the first, second and third class to operate fire departments with more than 2 platoons.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

62.13 (8) and (11a) (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

62.13 (8) The council may provide by ordinance for either a paid or a volunteer fire department, and for the management and equipment of either insofar as not otherwise provided for by law. * * *

(11a) (a) The common council, or other governing body of every city of the first, second and third class, whether organized under a general or special charter, having a paid fire department, shall provide for, and the governing power of the fire department shall divide the full paid fire fighting force in the fire department into 2 or more bodies or platoons. Each platoon shall work, or be on duty, alternately an equal number of hours or as nearly so as the governing power of the fire department of each such city * * * decides, but no member of said platoon shall be on duty for a longer continuous period of time than the governing power of the fire department * * * designates, except in cases of positive necessity by some sudden and serious fire, accident, or other peril, which in the judgment of the chief engineer or other officer in charge demands.

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